

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 06-726)

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Donald Cowling et al	)	Examiner: Unknown
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Serial No.	)	
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Title:	)	
Separating Device and Sorting Apparatus	)	
With Two-Dimensionals Array of Nozzles	)	
And Method of Sorting Objects	)	

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the abstract and claims of this application as follows before calculating the application filing fee.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 f this paper.